

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Morris Room
Fluvanna Administration Building
August 17th, 2011
3:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Y. Gooch, Chairman
Shaun Kenney, Vice Chairman
Joe Chesser
Donald W. Weaver
Mozell H. Booker (arrived at late)
Chris Fairchild

GUESTS PRESENT: Leonard Gardner
Bill Des Roche
Dennis Holder
Brian Gardner
Jack Ruch

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Payne, County Attorney
Jay Scudder, County Administrator
Renee Hoover, Finance Director
Mary L. Weaver, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the work session of August 17th, 2011, to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Morris Room, Fluvanna Administration Building, Palmyra, Virginia.

Chairman Gooch began the meeting by moving into a closed session at the request of Mr. Payne, County Attorney.

CLOSED MEETING

MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED MEETING:

At 3:09 p.m., Mr. Weaver moved the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors enter into a closed meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Mr. Kenney seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. AYES: Chesser, Gooch, Kenney, Fairchild and Weaver. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Booker.

MOTION TO EXIT A CLOSED MEETING & RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

At 4:08 p.m., Mr. Weaver moved the closed meeting be adjourned and the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors convene again in open session. Mr. Kenney seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. AYES: Chesser, Gooch, Kenney, Booker, Fairchild and Weaver. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION:

At 4:09 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors, following a closed meeting held Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011 on motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Kenney and carried by the following vote: AYES: Chesser, Gooch, Kenney, Booker, Fairchild and Weaver. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

“BE IT RESOLVED to the best of my knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711-A of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.”

MOTION:

Mr. Fairchild moved to have Mr. Payne, County Attorney present the FSCPA the contract and conditions previously approved by the Boards committee. Mr. Kenney seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. AYES: Chesser, Gooch, Kenney, Booker, Fairchild and Weaver. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Fred Payne, County Attorney, left the meeting.

Chairman Gooch began the work session discussion by introducing the guests and Mr. Steve Jacobs, Farmer, Robinson Cox.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Steve Jacobs reviewed with the Board several different alternatives on the financial forecast.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed extensively, categorical funding cuts, variables, revenues, and expenses of the budget. Mr. Fairchild and Ms. Booker addressed looking at set goals and discussed how to accomplish them.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 5:33 p.m. for dinner.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Gooch asked to go around the table and have everyone to share their ideas to help control costs. The following ideas were mentioned:

- Freeze Wages.
- Cut out non-essential programs (Visitor Center, Leadership Development Program, Coop).
- Cut out as much as possible from departments, identify priorities. No sacred cows.
- Increase Revenues (landfill fees, parks and recreation fees).
- Raise Taxes.
- Establish a sustainable rate.
- Structure and Goals.
- Cut items not teachers from school (vehicle fleet, astro turf).
- Alternate Revenue options (Economic Development, BPOL, Land Use, Meal Tax).
- Eliminate the two new spending programs added to FY12 budget.
- Cut Personnel.
- Hold School funding at FY12 budget and increase by population increase.
- 10:1 ratio of spending to cuts. For every \$10, we find \$1 to cut.
- Eliminate the 2.5% COLA-short term, give bonuses.
- Explore a form of zero-based budgeting based on the state and federal mandates. Everything beyond should be justified to the BOS and to the public, in public hearing, and voted on accordingly.
- A five-year vision for Economic Development.
- We only have control over 1/6th of our budget. Even on that, much of what we spend could be viewed as critical services. Focus like a laser when the TJPDC comes and asks for priorities to lobby in Richmond.
- The problems we are facing are macro-level problems that will not be resolved by nickel-and-dime cuts.
- Achieve a reduction in force by cutting supervisor and staff position, not by reducing workers who actually perform services to citizens.
- Increase revenues with measures that do not involve tax increases: specifically by adopting and enforcing a proffer policy and by collecting impact fees.
- Limit all future local budget growth to parallel population growth.

There was some discussion on the following topics:

- Sustainable rate.
- Economic Development.

ADJOURN

At 7:06 p.m. Chairman Gooch adjourned the work session.